(b) whether Government are considering to start any other course in lieu of this course for students; and

(c) if so, the details thereof and by when it would be started and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) There have been some implementation problems in regard to the NCC Training in the Kendriya Vidyalayas which need to be resolved through inter ministerial consultations. Pending this, KVS has introduced marching/parades in scouts & guides and Mountaineering/Adventure activities at a massive scale through professional and Army run Mountaineering Institutes.

Success of Mid-day Meal Scheme

3602. SHRI K.M. KHAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) to what extent the Mid-day Meal Scheme, introduced in 1995 in many States has been successful;

(b) whether the State Governments have been lifting their shares of wheat and rice every month, from the FCI godowns;

(c) if not, the reasons therefor and the names of defaulting States;

(d) whether Government are thinking to bring some modifications in the scheme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) As per the evaluation study conducted by an independent agency called Operations Research Group, New Delhi to assess the efficiency and effectiveness of the National Programme for Nutritional Support to Primary Education (popularly called Mid-day Meals Scheme) in 10 States has found that while in Assam, Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and West Bengal the programme has given a boost to enrolment; in Gujarat, Haryana, Jammu and Kashmir, Karnataka, Orissa and Rajasthan it has made a positive impact on attendance and retention.

(b) and (c) States in which lifting of foodgrains has been poor are Arunachal Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Jammu & Kashmir, Meghalaya and Punjab. The Central Government has taken up the matter with these States to improve the position and ensure effective implementation of the Scheme.

(d) and (e) Modification of the Scheme shall depend on recommendations of the Working Group constituted for 10th Five Year Plan on elementary education and the availability of resources.

Withdrawal of Emergency Powers in KVs and NVs

3603. SHRI ABDUL GAIYUR QURESHI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have been considering extension of withdrawal of emergency powers of Vice-Chancellors of Central Universities, to Instrumentalities like KVs and NVs where Chairman continue to posses such powers;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT): (a) to (c) Statutory emergency powers given to vice-chancellors of the Central Universities have not been withdrawn. As per Rules of Memorandum of Association of KVs and NVs the chairmen of these organisations have not been given any emergency powers. However, Board of Governors of KVs in its 46th meeting held on 03.12.1985 authorised chairman KVs to take decisions in emergent cases.

Appointment and removal of Director/Joint Director of NCERT

3604. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI:

SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the appointment of Director and Joint Director of NCERT is made by Government of India;

(b) if so, what procedure is followed in making these appointments;